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SUBJECT: ZOA PRESIDENT STERNSTEIN'S REMARKS ON U.S.
MIDDLE EAST POLICY

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1. WE HAVE REPORTED IN REFTEL ON ZOA PRESIDENT JOSEPH
STERNSTEIN'S STRONG ATTACK ON U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY
AT THE ZOA NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JERUSALEM ON JULY 7.

2. WHEN STERNSTEIN ASKED ME AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
MEETING IF I HAD MINDED HIS REMARKS, I TOLD HIM COOLY
IN THE PRESENCE OF A NUMBER OF OTHER PLATFORM GUESTS
THAT I WAS FRANKLY AFFRONTED, NOT SO MUCH BY HIS WORDS--
WHICH WERE HIS RESPONSIBILITY--BUT BY THE PLACE HE
CHOSE TO UTTER THEM. SUCH ATTACKS ON THE MOTIVE AND
ACTIONS OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, DELIVERED ON FOREIGN
SOIL, WERE TO ME UNACCEPTABLE. HE GOT RATHER NERVOUS.
OTHER AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD
ME THEY WERE APPALLED AND EMBARRASSED, BUT THAT THE
ZOA IS LESS IMPORTANT IN THE U.S. THAN IT TRIED TO
APPEAR LAST NIGHT IN JERUSALEM. I HOPE SO.
LEWIS

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